



ROLE OF THE BOARD MEMBER

The Board's legislative mandate is to protect the health and welfare of California consumers who receive health care services from licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) or psychiatric technicians (PTs).

Toward this end, the role of the Board Member is to:

- **Make final policy decisions; and**
- **To delegate to the Executive Officer and Board staff responsibility for:**
 - Assuring the Board's mandated priority is to protect the public;
 - Establishing minimum requirements for licensure;
 - Approving the Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Schools in California;
 - Ensuring that the soundness of the licensure examinations accurately test entry-level competencies;
 - Ensuring that licensees maintain their knowledge and skills prior to license renewal by requiring continuing education;
 - Educating consumers regarding their rights through brochures, fact sheets, newsletters and the Board's internet website;
 - Clarifying the performance standards for LVNs and PTs through the promulgation of regulations;
 - Informing licensees of the rules and regulations governing their profession; and
 - Enforcing the rules and regulations governing the practice of LVNs and PTs.

Board Member Expectations

In carrying out his/her role, it is expected that Board Members shall:

- Attend the New Board Member Orientation prior to attending the first Board Meeting to gain an understanding of his/her role, the role of the Executive Officer, and the Board's mission, policies, goals and objectives.
- Base their decisions on the Board's mandated priority to protect the public.
- Become knowledgeable of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and Psychiatric Technician Law, relevant statutes, and Board policy.
- Take a proactive approach in participating in Board activities by preparing for and attending meetings timely and in their entirety.
- Adhere to prescribed standards of conduct, and exhibit professional courtesy by engaging in efficient and orderly discussion, and by listening objectively to other members' concerns and proposals.
- Maintain the highest standard of professional ethics and decorum in carrying out his/her duties and responsibilities.
- Attend professional meetings and events as an individual Board Member who does not speak for the Board unless prior approval is granted from the Board.

Role of the President and Vice-President of the Board

The Board President conducts the Board Meetings and ensures the smooth working relationship of members during meetings. Additionally, the Board President discusses issues of conduct, attitude, attendance, or preparation with members as appropriate.

The Board President shall keep the Vice-President apprised of critical issues.

The Vice-President is responsible for the Board Member fund, and acts in the absence of the President.